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Tune  [Pronunciation Key](#) (tōōn, tyōōn), **Thomas James**. Known as "Tommy." Born 1939.

American dancer, choreographer, and director whose contributions to Broadway productions, including *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (1978) and *My One and Only* (1983), have earned him critical acclaim.

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tune  [Pronunciation Key](#) (tōōn, tyōōn)
n.

1. *Music.*

- a. A melody, especially a simple and easily remembered one.
- b. A song.
- c. Correct pitch.
- d. The state of being properly adjusted for pitch: *a piano out of tune.*

e. Agreement in pitch: *play in tune with the piano*.
 f. Obsolete. A musical tone.

2. a. Concord or agreement; harmony: *in tune with the times*.
 b. Archaic. Frame of mind; disposition.
 3. *El ectronics*. Adjustment of a receiver or circuit for maximum response to a given signal or frequency.

v. **tuned, tun·ing, tunes**

v. *tr.*

a. Music. To put into proper pitch: *tuned the violin*.
 b. Archaic. To utter musically; sing.

2. To adopt or adjust, especially in order to bring into harmony.

3. *El ectronics*.

a. To adjust (a receiver) to a desired frequency.
 b. To adjust (a circuit) so as to make it resonant with a given input signal.
 4. To adjust (an engine, for example) for maximum usability or performance.

v. *intr.*

To become attuned.

Phrasal Verbs:

tune in

1. *El ectronics* To adjust a receiver to receive signals at a particular frequency or a particular program.

2. *Sl ang* To make or become aware or responsive: “Nobody tunes in to what anybody else is saying” (Bruce Allen).

tune out

1. *El ectronics* To adjust a receiver so as not to receive a particular signal.

2. *Sl ang*

- a. To disassociate oneself from one's environment: “The average reader, used to seeing the world in three-dimensional color, tunes out” (Carlin Romano).
- b. To become unresponsive to; ignore: *tuned out the*

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children's screaming.

tune up

1. Music To adjust an instrument to a desired pitch or key.
2. To adjust a machine so as to put it into proper condition.
3. To prepare (oneself) for a specified activity.

Idiom:
to the tune of

To the sum or extent of: *produced profits to the tune of \$10 million.*

[Middle English, variant of tone, *tone*. See **tone**.]

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In addition to the idioms beginning with tune, also see call the tune; carry a tune; change one's tune; dance to another tune; in tune; to the tune of.

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tune

n 1: a succession of notes forming a distinctive sequence; "she was humming an air from Beethoven" [syn: melody, air, strain, melodic line, line, melodic phrase] 2: the property of producing accurately a note of a given pitch; "he cannot sing in tune"; "the clarinet was out of tune" 3: the adjustment of a radio receiver or other circuit to a required frequency v 1: adjust for (better) functioning; "tune the engine" [syn: tune up] 2: of musical instruments; "My piano needs to be tuned" [syn: tune up] [ant: untune]

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tune

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One may "tune for time" (fastest execution), "tune for space" (least memory use), or "tune for configuration" (most efficient use of hardware).

See bum, hot spot, hand-hacking.

[Jargon File]

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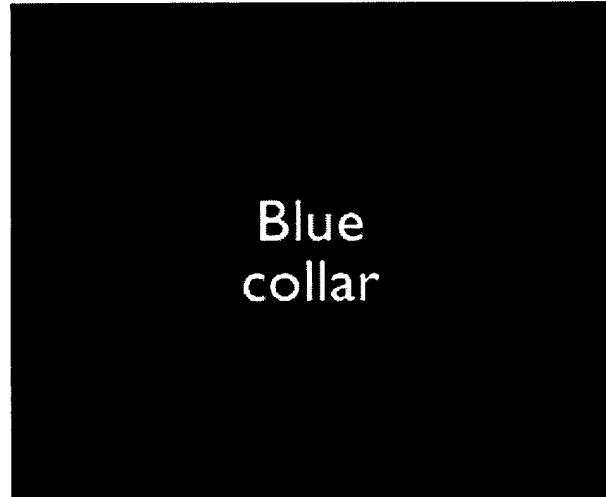
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